

## **IC 20-24-2.2**

### **Chapter 2.2. Monitoring and Accountability of Sponsors**

#### **IC 20-24-2.2-1**

##### **Information on department Internet web site**

Sec. 1. The department shall establish a charter school page on the department's Internet web site that includes information on the following:

- (1) All approved sponsors, including the sponsors' processes for the following:
  - (A) Monitoring approved schools at regular intervals.
  - (B) Establishing minimum standards for renewing a charter or not renewing a charter.
  - (C) Processes and standards for school closure, including the transfer of academic records to other schools and postsecondary educational institutions.
- (2) All pending applications for a charter.
- (3) All approved applications for a charter.
- (4) All rejected applications for a charter.
- (5) Annual performance data that includes the same demographic and performance data required from school corporations.

*As added by P.L.91-2011, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 20-24-2.2-2**

##### **Minimum standards for charter renewal**

Sec. 2. The minimum standards for renewal and the standards to avoid closure imposed by sponsors on the charter school in the charter school agreement must include a requirement that the charter school not fall within the application of IC 20-31-9-4, notwithstanding IC 20-31-9-1.

*As added by P.L.91-2011, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 20-24-2.2-3**

##### **Sponsor hearing; consequences**

Sec. 3. (a) After giving at least thirty (30) days notice, the state board may require a sponsor to appear at a hearing conducted by the state board if the sponsor has renewed a charter or failed to close a charter school that does not meet the minimum standards in the charter agreement, as posed on the department's Internet web site.

(b) After the hearing, the state board may implement one (1) or more of the following actions unless the state board finds sufficient justification for the charter school's performance under the state school accountability system:

- (1) Transfer the sponsorship of the charter school identified in subsection (a) to the charter board.
- (2) Order the closure of the charter school identified in subsection (a) on the date set by the state board.
- (3) Order the reduction of any administrative fee collected under IC 20-24-7-4 that is applicable to the charter school

identified in subsection (a) to an amount not greater than fifty percent (50%) of the amount allowed under IC 20-24-7-4.

(c) In determining whether to impose consequences under subsection (b), the state board must consider the following:

(1) Enrollment of students with special challenges such as drug or alcohol addiction, prior withdrawal from school, prior incarceration, or other special circumstances.

(2) High mobility of the student population resulting from the specific purpose of the charter school.

(3) Annual improvement in the performance of students enrolled in the charter school, as measured by IC 20-31-8-1, compared with the performance of students enrolled in the charter school in the immediately preceding school year.

*As added by P.L.91-2011, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 20-24-2.2-4**

##### **Suspension of sponsor's ability to sponsor new charter schools**

Sec. 4. If the state board has closed or transferred sponsorship of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the charter schools chartered by one (1) sponsor under section 3 of this chapter, the sponsor's authority to sponsor new charter schools may be suspended by the state board until the state board approves the sponsor to sponsor new charter schools. A determination under this section to suspend a sponsor's authority to sponsor new charter schools must identify the deficiencies that, if corrected, will result in the approval of the sponsor to sponsor new charter schools.

*As added by P.L.91-2011, SEC.8.*